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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to encourage you to continue to allow broadband providers that are competitive in cost, and to not raise the price on internet and telephone service.

I was an AT&T customer for years, for DSL internet service and a landline. The cost was exorbitant. I'm 72 years old, on a limited income, and I rely heavily on broadband and phone to maintain my health, for contact with the outside world, to keep from being isolated, and for security.

It was a such a relief when I learned that Sonic was coming to my area. I now pay \$40/month (plus taxes, of course) for a telephone and a gigabit fiber network, something that AT&T didn't even have available. And the service I get with Sonic is so easy and personal--and so much better than AT&T. It's made a huge difference in my life.

Please do whatever you can to keep Sonic and other competitive providers in business--and with the fair and reasonable charges they offer now.

Thank you very much.

Jean Weininger